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(54) A child's bib

(57) A child's bib comprises a sheet (10) which may be of a paper-based material and has an opening (12) through which a child's head may be passed. Areas (15, 16) of pressure sensitive adhesive allow edges of the bib to be secured under a child's arms. An additional area (14) of pressure-sensitive adhesive allows a slit part (13) of the opening (12) to draw together to draw the opening (12) close under the child's chin.

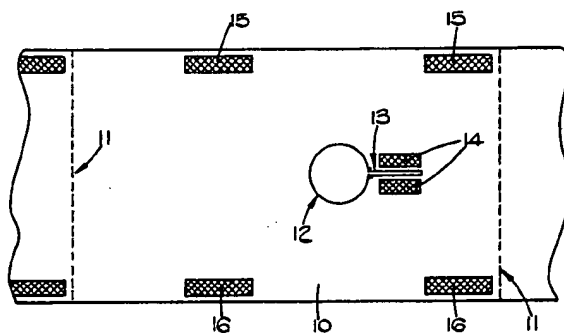


FIG. 1.

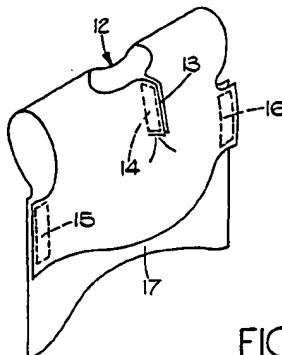


FIG. 2.

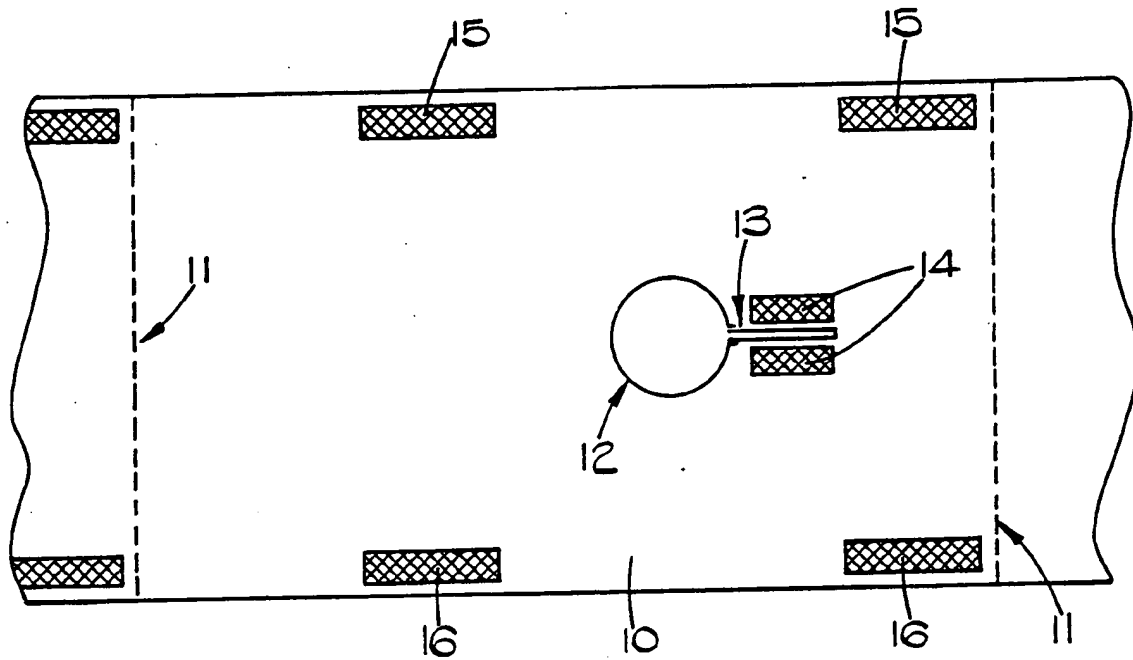


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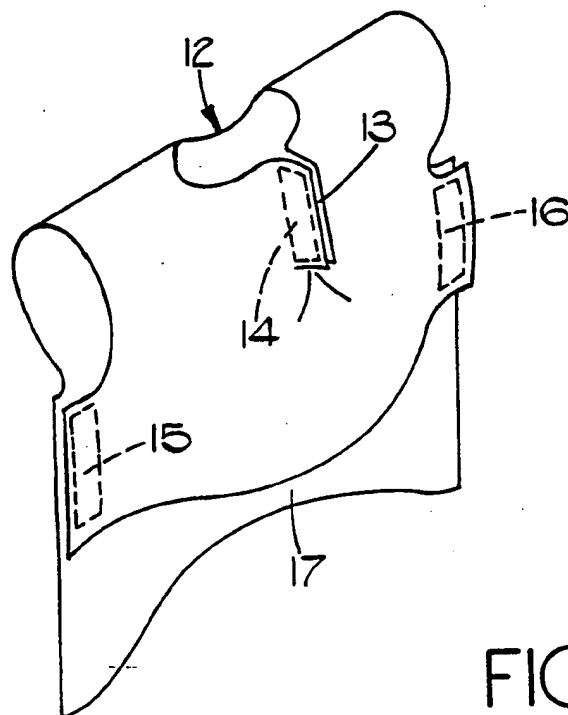


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SPECIFICATION

Child's bib

5 This invention relates to a bib for a child, and in particular to a disposable bib which may be fitted without the use of tapes or similar fastenings.

According to the invention a child's bib comprises a sheet having therein an opening through which a child's head may be passed, and areas of pressure sensitive adhesive applied to one side of the sheet adjacent opposite edges thereof, the arrangement being such that after the sheet has been passed over a child's head a part of each side may be adhesively secured to another part of the same side under the child's arms.

In one embodiment of the invention there are provided pairs of pressure sensitive adhesive areas adjacent each said edge, the adhesive areas in each said pair being joined to secure the bib.

In a particular embodiment said sheet is of a paper-based material.

Preferably said opening is such as to provide a substantial clearance around a child's head, and an additional area of pressure sensitive adhesive is provided adjacent said opening, such that said opening may subsequently be partly closed to draw the bib closely around the child's neck.

An embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the bib before folding for use and

Figure 2 is a pictorial view of the bib when folded for use.

As shown in Figure 1 each bib comprises a sheet 10 and a plurality of the sheets may be fabricated as a continuous web, the sheets being separable by means of perforations 11. Conveniently the web is made up into a roll but alternatively may be folded as convenient for easy dispensing. Each sheet 10 is rectangular and has an opening 12 which is equally spaced from the long edges of the sheet. Conveniently the opening 12 is circular and its size is such that it can be drawn snugly round the neck of a child. Preferably the opening 12 is substantially closer to one of the shorter edges of the sheet 10 than to the other shorter edge. Extending from the opening 12 is a slit 13 which provides flaps which can readily be pushed apart to admit a child's head. Adjacent the slit 13 on opposite sides thereof are areas 14 of a pressure sensitive adhesive of a type which will adhere only to itself, such as the adhesive used on self-seal envelopes.

First and second pairs 15, 16 of areas of pressure sensitive adhesive, corresponding to the adhesive in the areas 14, are located adjacent respective long edges of the sheet 10. The areas in each of the pairs 15, 16 are equi-spaced on opposite sides of the opening 12 by an amount which will allow the areas 15 and the areas 16 separately to be adhesively joined under the arms of a child.

In use, as indicated in Figure 2, the sheet 10 may be passed over a child's head with the adhesive areas 14, 15, 16 facing downwardly, and the areas 15, 16 joined under the child's arms. The areas 14 may then be

pinched together as necessary to draw the opening 12 snugly under the child's chin. The location of the opening 12 on the sheet 10 provides the resulting bib with a front portion 17 which may be sufficiently long, if desired, as to cover the child completely.

The sheet 10 itself may be fabricated from any known form of absorbent, wet-strength, paper-based material, as for example the material used for disposable kitchen towels, or a long fibre paper which is partly impregnated with resin, of the type commonly used for dishcloths. Alternatively the sheet 10 may comprise, or include a thin, impervious, synthetic resin layer.

It is to be understood that, if required, each of the sheets 10 may be manufactured separately instead of on a continuous web.

In alternative embodiments only one of the adhesive areas 15, 16 is provided adjacent the respective edges of each sheet 10, in which case the adhesive areas are such as to adhere readily to the sheet 10 itself. Similarly only one of the areas 14 may be provided. In these latter embodiments the adhesive areas 14, 15, 16 will require a peel-off protective strip which is removed for use of the bib.

CLAIMS

1. A child's bib comprising a sheet having therein an opening through which a child's head may be passed, and areas of pressure sensitive adhesive applied to one side of the sheet adjacent opposite edges thereof, the arrangement being such that after the sheet has been passed over a child's head a part of each side may be adhesively secured to another part of the same side under the child's arms.

2. A child's bib as claimed in claim 1 in which said sheet is of a paper based material.

3. A child's bib as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which there are provided pairs of pressure sensitive adhesive areas adjacent each said edge, the adhesive areas in each said pair being joined to secure the bib.

4. A child's bib as claimed in any preceding claim in which said opening is such as to provide a substantial clearance around a child's head, and an additional area of pressure sensitive adhesive is provided adjacent said opening, such that said opening may be partly closed to draw the bib closely round the child's neck.

5. A child's bib as claimed in any preceding claim in which said sheet has further edges transverse to said opposite edges and said opening is located closer to one of said further edges than to the other of said further edges.

6. A child's bib as claimed in any preceding claim in which said sheet forms part of a continuous web comprised by identical sheets and interspersed by means for facilitating separation of the sheets.

7. A child's bib substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.